

JACK IS BACK!

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Jack Bauer returns in a 12 episode run of 24: Live Another Day.

Heere's Jack! Yes, Jack Bauer is back. In all his heaving breathing, growly shouting, sometimes out of breath glory. The last time we saw Jack, he was moving on to start a life on the run, looking off into space straight into a predator drone (I guess he knew EXACTLY where the drone was...in space, but he was saying goodbye to Chloe, so I guess that's cool) and escaping persecution from Russian and American forces . After a four year hiatus, 24 returned in a 2 hour premiere, this time with a 12 episode series, unlike the usual 24 that sticks true to a 24 hour time period. Obviously, this means that this season will only be twelve hours, and they facilitated that with the first episode taking a big chunk out of a full day with 12 hours.

24: Live Another Day takes us four years into the future where the CIA is in London on the heels of Jack, trying to catch him to make him pay for the carnage he left behind. Jack is known to them as a high class suspect, which is no surprise. When is he NOT a high class suspect? They track him down in a warehouse but, Jack being the ninja he is, manages to overpower, outsmart, and outrun some of the men. Did they not get a debriefing before looking for him? This is what he DOES! But eventually, he's caught and taken to the CIA. It seems way too easy.



Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) is back for another explosive season, this time for 12 episodes. (www.forbes.com)

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There is a heated debate in London over the use of drones with the British forces and the alliance between the US and British government. So much so that there are protesters outside of the hotel occupying the US president. James Heller (former Secretary of Defense) is now President of the United States. You'll remember him as Audrey's (Jack's ex) father. He's with his Chief of Staff, Mark Boudreau (who happens to now be Audrey's husband) and other members of the security forces going over plans to finalize negotiations for a new military base in London. James makes a slip up with a historical reference, but it's more than a mere slip of the tongue (or memory). He seems to be suffering from the early stages of Alzheimer's. After the meeting, Boudreau gets a call from Steve Navarro, the head of CIA operations. They caught Jack Bauer. This piece of information will not be privy to The President. Jack is a terrorist and a psychopath, well, according to Boudreau anyway.

A new face that looks to be a formidable foe for Jack this season is Kate Morgan, a very astute CIA field operative who is being transferred at the end of the week to another branch. Apparently her disgraced husband, another CIA agent, was selling secrets to the Chinese, and later committed suicide. She was cleared of ever being

involved, but they still want to cover all bases. But she's questioning the validity of Jack's easy capture. Why was it so easy? Why after 4 years of being careful and stealthy is he suddenly caught? Yes, he put up a good fight against the team, but what is he planning? She makes those suspicions known to Steve – maybe he WANTS to be caught. But he's not listening. Nobody is.

He goes in to do the interrogation (CIA style of course, which consists of wires attached to him, trying to pick up on his body's response to questions) and tries to get answers as to why he's in London. Jack is solid as a rock and shows no sign of budging. Navarro makes it known that he'll be sent to Special Activities for an "enhanced interrogation". Jack of all people know what that is all about. But guess who's already in Special Activities already going through "enhanced interrogation"? Chloe! Did Jack intentionally get caught to save her? It isn't until Kate storms into the interrogation room (locking herself in with Jack) and asks him if he intentionally got caught to find something or someone. His vitals spike, and she knows she's right. But that stunt doesn't do her any favors. Her dwindling privileges are being revoked. She's let go right then and there.



Chloe is looking kinda rough, but that's what happens when you've been under "enhanced interrogations". (www.24spoilers.com)

So two escapes happen. One where Kate manages to taser the security escorting her off the premises, and another one in the true sense of the word with Jack overpowering the guards down in Special Activities (with outside help, of course). Yep, he's there to save Chloe and does just that (well, not before saving her from near

death by plunging a syringe full of something...life juice I guess). Kate is now on the prowl to find Jack and once again apprehend him. She finds him, but with a few clicks on his hand (some kind of button he implanted under his skin) he is able to fully escape, with the help of his outside man who blows part of the building to enable their escape. Again, did they NOT read the folder on him? You just don't catch Jack. The CIA is in recovery mode as they head out to find Jack and Chloe.

Meanwhile in Afghanistan, Lt. Chris Tanner is monitoring a drone covering a military convoy with British soldiers under American protection. When the convoy stops, Tanner scans the area with the drone, but he loses control of the drones and helplessly watches a missile from the drone blow up the convoy. He's then questioned by his superiors and realizes that his key logs were manipulated.

He can thank Derek Yates for that, a former colleague of Chloe's who's now gone on to doing bidding for unsavory factions. Jack storms in, gun drawn, looking for Yates, but Adrian Cross, head of the hacker ring makes him know that he's no longer with them. So Adrian gets the information for Derek's whereabouts and gives Jack. Why does he want Yates though? He's responsible for the drone going rogue and also for framing Chris for the crime. He has also developed technology that will be able to control the drones (up to 10) used by the US military, and plans to sell them to the highest bidder. On their way to Yates' hideout, they find out that whoever he plans to sell the technology to (Margot Al-Hazari, a British widow of a notorious terrorist) plans to use it to assassinate President Heller.



Jack is surrounded by the CIA, but that's short lived. He manages to get away. (www.zap2it.com)

Yates is being protected by some heroin dealers who think little of Jack because he's alone (Chloe is in a van doing what she does best), and he couldn't possibly pick off multiple men at one time. They're wrong. Gun and knife play follow and ends with Yates escaping through a window with his unassuming girlfriend (who seems so clingy and touchy feely by the way...almost ditz). Chloe gets a call from one of her hacking colleagues telling her that the authorities are quickly zoning into her area. By the time they get there, Chloe is already gone, but Jack is still left behind and the CIA catches up with him, allowing Yates and his girlfriend to fully escape. But the apprehension is short lived when Basher, one of the drug dealing goons fires a shot, grazing Jack and taking the attention off him. That gives him time to run off and Chloe picks him up in a stolen car.

Yates and his girlfriend are in a restaurant and he's planning his next move. He thinks Jack is working with Margot to get the technology without paying him. He wants to find another buyer. But he doesn't really get too far with the planning. He goes into the bathroom to relieve himself. His girlfriend walks into the bathroom while he's at the urinal. He thinks she's there to play, but he's far from right. She stabs him in the ear (and turns the knife. Yikes!) and retrieves the metal box with the technology. A phone call to Margot reveals that she's Margot's daughter. A twist in true 24 style.

So we can only assume that Jack not only wanted to rescue Chloe because they're friends, but also because he wanted her to help him. Or maybe it was just the latter. He DID say that he had no friends. Chloe is however, despite whatever went on between them, willing to help him out because according to her they ARE friends. Also his willingness to come out of the shadows to save the president is not only because he feels it's the right thing to do, but also because he feels obligated to them after leaving Audrey in a comatose state. He wants to make things right for the family.

"I owe them."

And is it me, or does Boudreau seem like he has a personal agenda against Jack? Revenge for Audrey, perhaps? Or is he just trying to "do the right thing"?

The next 10 episodes should be GLORIOUS! *Medieval knight voice*



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